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(S-1) Is Federal Security Agency

Mr. George W. Merck
Special Assistant to the Administrator
of the Federal Security Agencies
327 National Academy of Sciences
2101 Constitution Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Merck:

I quote below from a general complaint which was referred to this Bureau for attention:

> "Dr. A. A. Brandt has been publishing a group of articles in CLICK, PIC, and LOOK. He also published an article in the June seventeenth issue of the Toronto Star Weekly, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The articles above referred to are reported to this office as having as their general subject 'Bacterial Warfare'. We are informed that the articles contain information which it is not in the national interest to publish. We also have been reliably informed that Dr. Brandt does lecturing, largely to women's clubs." (S-1) (A) (C)

I am asking of the original informant the source of his information that the publication of the articles is not in the national interest. In the meantime I would greatly appreciate any advise that you may have to furnish as to whether material of this sort is considered restricted. This will greatly aid me in determining whether this constitutes a matter within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. (S-1) (A) (C)

I am at the same time making inquiry of the Office of Censorship and the Office of War Information to determine whether the published articles are considered a violation of any of the rules or policies of Censorship.

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